

AMENDMENTS

TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

--This application is a continuation-in-part application of ~~Application Serial No.~~
~~09/124,339 filed July 29, 1998 U.S Patent No. 6,169,931 issued January 2, 2001~~, entitled[[,]]
"Method and System for Modeling, Predicting and Optimizing Chemical Mechanical
Polishing Pad Wear and Extending Pad Life".--